

# SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

## Types of abuse/neglect

- Physical
  - Injuries with no clear explanation
  - Untreated or inadequately treated
  - Injuries to areas where accidents uncommon – thighs/back/abdomen
  - Burns/bites
  - Sexual: Pain,itching, bruising/bleeding in genital/anal areas. Genital discharge/UTI/STI/stomach pain walking or sitting. May manifest as behavioural problems such as not attending school/sudden deterioration in school work etc
- Emotional
  - Conveying that they are worthless/inadequate/
- Neglect
  - Inadequate food/clothing/shelter
  - Failure to protect from physical and emotional harm/danger
  - Inadequate supervision

Look for underweight/poor growth/left alone or in the care of younger siblings

## **WHAT TO DO**

Notify the Manchester Children's Safeguarding Contact Centre:

**Tel: 01612258250**

**Fax: 01612558266**

If OOH (Mon-Fri 4:45pm – 8:30am, Sat,Sun,hols) ring **07811462573** for urgent advice that cannot wait until the following day

Visit [www.manchesterscb.org.uk](http://www.manchesterscb.org.uk) for referral forms and further advice

Need to fill out Safeguarding Children Referral Form and fax to Contact Centre in 24hrs unless that child already has a social worker in which case discuss directly with social worker – no need to refer to centre. Follow-up with telephone call to make sure they have received the fax.

Should hear back from the contact centre in 24hrs. If not heard back in 3 days make contact again

Also can get advice from the **First Response Team** via 01612258250

Remember consider sharing information with health visitors and school nurses. There should be clinical lead in the practice for safeguarding.

Other contact for community health safeguarding children team are 01618612250/ OOH 07811762573.

## **Other agencies:**

- Safe in the city – Missing Home Scheme: (Risk of running away from home/care)
- Eclipse (support for young substance users. Works with whole family)
- Forced marriage unit
- Child Exploitation and Online Protect Centre (stop online sexual abuse of children)
- Vulnerable baby service (case planning for pregnant women and babies up to one year)
- Local Authority Designated Officer [LADO]: Has responsibility for managing cases where allegations are made against adults who works with children and young people